

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: Paralegals and Legal Assistants (23-2011)

Associated Occupation: Lawyers (23-1011)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 86

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Law and Government	5.9	24.4	17.0	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
English Language	11.2	21.6	18.4	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	16.3	9.3	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Administration and Management	8.4	13.5	6.2	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Personnel and Human Resources	5.6	9.8	3.6	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Economics and Accounting	4.4	8.2	3.5	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 93

Focus Occupation: Paralegals and Legal Assistants (23-2011)

Associated Occupation: Lawyers (23-1011)

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Speaking	10.8	17.7	11.2	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Critical Thinking	10.8	17.2	9.6	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Active Listening	11.0	16.6	12.2	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

Reading Comprehension	10.7	16.2	12.4	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Writing	9.2	15.5	11.8	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Judgment and Decision Making	9.4	15.0	8.0	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Persuasion	7.4	14.9	7.1	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Complex Problem Solving	9.1	14.0	7.4	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Negotiation	6.8	13.8	6.2	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Active Learning	8.7	13.3	8.4	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Time Management	8.9	11.8	8.7	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 97			
Focus Occupation: Paralegals and Legal Assistants (23-2011) Associated Occupation: Lawyers (23-1011)					
Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Oral Expression	12.4	18.2	14.4	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Oral Comprehension	12.5	17.5	14.4	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Written Comprehension	11.0	16.9	14.4	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Speech Clarity	10.2	16.5	10.7	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Written Expression	9.8	16.4	13.0	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Deductive Reasoning	10.6	14.2	10.2	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Inductive Reasoning	10.2	14.2	9.6	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Near Vision	11.1	13.6	12.8	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Speech Recognition	9.9	13.6	10.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Category Flexibility	9.0	12.0	10.5	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Fluency of Ideas	7.6	12.0	6.9	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: 93

Focus Occupation: Paralegals and Legal Assistants (23-2011)
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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Analyze existing evidence or facts	69
Analyze legal questions	85
Communicate technical information	4
Compile evidence for court actions	78
Compile information for court cases	85
Conduct legal research	89
Direct serving of legal documents	89
Examine data against legal precedents	92
File documents in court	81
Follow rules of evidence procedures in legal setting	84
Make presentations	13
Organize legal information or records	80
Participate in appeals hearings	92
Search legal records	85
Understand legal terminology	81
Use interviewing procedures	23
Use knowledge of legal procedural rules	85
Write legal correspondence	85
Write legal documents	85

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: 84

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Computer data input devices	2
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Content management software	6
Data management and query software	1
Duplicating machines	6
Industry specific software	1
Information exchange software	1
Network applications software	1

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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